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Application No. : 10/777,177 Confirmation No. : 4470
First Named Inventor : Joachim HUSTER
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TCA.U. : 3747
Examiner : Noah P. KAMEN

Docket No. : 080443.53052US
Customer No. : 23911

Title : Internal-Combustion Engine Having Balancing
Shafts

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Mail Stop AMENDMENT
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In response to the Office action of August 25, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 2 of this paper.

An Additional Claims Fee Chart begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE CHART

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing and the filing fee is calculated below:

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Total Claims	22	20	= 2	X \$18	= \$36.00
Indep. Claims	5	3	= 2	X \$88	= \$176.00
TOTAL:					\$212.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$212.00, along with any additional requisite fees, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080443.53052US).

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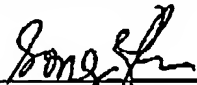
information of lubricating the bearings by way of a bore within the second balancing shaft. By combining Brown with JP 06-213278A, the person skilled in the art will arrive at the same solution as by combining Brown with Nakamura, so that the above note also applies here. Also the combination of Brown with JP 06-213278A provides the person skilled in the art with no information with respect to providing a main lubricant duct in the cylinder V and arranging the second balancing shaft in the main lubricant duct.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1923 (Docket #08044353052US).

Respectfully submitted,

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